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1. REACTION DIRECTOR [redacted] DESCRIBED REF NOT SURPRISING, SINCE SAME THOUGHT HAD OCCURRED TO HQS PRIOR TO DISPATCH TO [redacted] OF BRIEF RUNDOWN OF MISSION 9023. IN FACT, CHECKS ON RADIATION LEVELS CAPSULE REFERRED TO IN THAT MESSAGE WERE ORDERED WITH JUST SUCH SUSPICION IN MIND.

2. INITIAL READING IS THAT RADIATION LEVELS CONSIDERED "AVERAGE" FOR SIMILAR MISSIONS. NOSE CONE HAS BEEN CUT UP FOR FURTHER STUDY BY AIR FORCE SPECIAL WEAPONS GROUP AND ON STRICTLY WHITE BASIS BY [redacted] WILL ADVISE RESULTS.

3. BELIEVE SECOND SOVIET ATOMIC TEST MAY HAVE DEFLECTED SPECULATION HERE AS AND IN [redacted] ON POSSIBILITY SOVS MAY HAVE BEEN TRYING NEUTRALIZE CAPABILITY. PASSED TO [redacted] SENSE OF [redacted] ESTIMATE ON ALTITUDE, WHICH INCIDENTALLY MUCH HIGHER THAN ANYTHING COME UP WITH ON THIS SIDE, ACCORDING [redacted]

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4. BELIEVE LAST THING ANYONE NEEDS IS FOR DIRECTOR [redacted] TO STIR UP [redacted] AT THIS TIME OVER WHAT APPEARS AT THIS MOMENT TO HAVE BEEN A COINCIDENCE RATHER THAN ATTEMPTED COUNTERMEASURE. AS FINAL CHECK, EQS IS EXTENDING TERU CALCULATIONS ORBIT OF CARRIER PAST CAPSULE RECOVERY UP THRU SECOND SOV SHOT TO CHECK RELATIVE TIMES AND POSITIONS. ONLY IF SECOND "COINCIDENCE" MATCHED UP WITH TIME SECOND BLAST WOULD SUSPICIONS BE RENEWED. SUGGEST [redacted] CONTINUE DEFLECT DIRECTOR [redacted] FROM SPECULATIVE COURSE IN MEANTIME.

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END OF MESSAGE

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